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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 2831 :
In re application of :
MICHIO OKAMURA ET AL. :
Serial No. 09/921,538 :
Filed August 3, 2001 :
Examiner E. Thomas :

CARBON MATERIAL FOR ELECTRIC
DOUBLE LAYER CAPACITOR, METHOD
OF FABRICATING SAME, ELECTRIC
DOUBLE LAYER CAPACITOR AND
METHOD OF FABRICATING SAME

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 6, 2001

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the claims in Group I (claims 1, 4-6, and 11) with traverse.

It is respectfully urged that claims in Groups II and III (namely, method claims 2 and 3) should be examined at the same time as the claims in Group I.

The inventions set forth in method claims 2 and 3 are not "distinct" from the inventions set forth in product claims 1, 4-6, and 11. The methods follow closely given the products. Moreover, no serious burden is placed upon the Examiner in requiring search in an additional subclass in the same class in which the product claims are classified.

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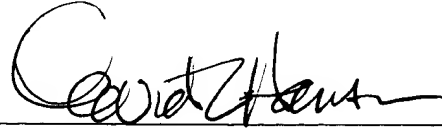
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Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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